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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed August 13, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks.